



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME  
COMMISSION  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
<http://fishandgame.lacountycommissions.info>**

**Thursday, October 10, 2013**

**6:00 PM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-4867)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chair John Hybarger, Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg M.D., M.P.H.  
and Commissioner Lee Wax

Excused: Commissioner Greg Bombard and Commissioner James W. Etter

Call to Order. (13-4675)

**The meeting was called to order by Chair Hybarger at 6:05 p.m. Roll call was taken by Ms. Bolaji Famuyiwa, Commission Services Staff.**

## I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the April 11, 2013 Minutes. (13-4677)

**On motion of Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Lee Wax and unanimously carried, the minutes of April 11, 2013 were approved.**

**Attachments:** SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

- 2.** Approval of the May 16, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes. (13-4678)

**On motion of Commissioner Lee Wax, seconded by Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 16, 2013 were approved.**

**Attachments:** SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

- 3. Review of the Fish and Game Commission's Propagation Fund Summary of Income, Expenditures, and Fund Balance Report, ending August 31, 2013 for**

Fiscal Year 2013-2014. (13-4683)

**Ms. Famuyiwa reported that the Fish and Game Commission Propagation Fund Balance Report as of September 30, 2013 was \$117,478.26. This total includes an encumbrance of \$7,700 leaving the available balance at \$109,778.26. To date, the Commission has approved \$38,900 in grants with \$28,700 successfully disbursed and three events still pending for the remainder of 2013. The only exception is the Second District's event which was scheduled to be held in October 2013 in conjunction with the Senior Citizens Health Fair. However, the event was cancelled because of the licensing fee associated with the fishing activities.**

**Following a review and discussion of the fund report, Vice Chair Aronberg requested staff to find out the type of violations that are resulting in the fines that are paid by the constituents, to ascertain if there is a pattern in the violations.**

**On motion of Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Lee Wax, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.**

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4. Review of the Fish and Game Commission's Trust Fund Reconciliation Report, ending September 30, 2013 for Fiscal Year 2013-2014. (13-4687)

**Ms. Famuyiwa reported that the Fish and Game Commission's Trust Fund Balance Report as of September 30, 2013 is \$6,496.99.**

**On motion of Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Lee Wax, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.**

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5. Recommendation to receive and file correspondence from the State of California Fish and Game Commission, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), DFW Wildlife Conservation Board and the United States Department of the Interior:

***State of California Fish and Game Commission***

Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action relative to:

Abalone Sports Fishing  
Bobcat Depredation and Permits and Application

Commercial Harvest Kelp  
Commercial Herring Fishery  
Fishing Vessel Logbooks  
Upland Game Bird Hunting  
Waterfowl Hunting  
White Sturgeon Report Card and Tagging Regulations

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Commercial Herring Regulations

Notice of Location Discussion/Adoption of Hearing Notice

Adoption of Various Sections of Title 14

***California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW)***

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Mountain Lions  
The Practice of Falconry  
Fees Increase for Section 699.5

***DFW Wildlife Conservation Board***

June 14, 2013 Meeting Notice

***United States Department of the Interior***

San Gabriel Watershed and Mountains Special Resource Study Summary  
and Final Recommendations (13-4688)

**On motion of Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Lee Wax, unanimously carried, this item was received and filed.**

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**Attachments:**    [Abalone Sport Fishing](#)  
[Bobcat Depredation](#)  
[Commercial Harvest of Kelp](#)  
[Commercial Herring Fishery](#)  
[Fishing Vessel Logbooks](#)  
[Upland Game Bird Hunting](#)  
[Waterfowl Hunting](#)  
[White Sturgeon Report Card and Tagging Regulations](#)  
[Commercial Herring Regulations](#)  
[Adoption of Various Sections of Title 14](#)  
[Mountain Lions](#)  
[The Practice of Falconry](#)  
[Fee Increase for Section 699.5](#)  
[Wildlife Conservation Board](#)  
[San Gabriel Resource Study](#)

## **II. PRESENTATIONS**

6. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM) in the amount of \$3,450 to purchase protective gears for divers (RCD Stream Team and staff biologists) who monitor the abundance and distribution of endangered southern steelhead trout in Malibu Creek. (13-4689)

**Ms. Rose Dagit, Senior Conservation Biologist, presented the grant request on behalf of the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM). She opened the discussion by thanking the Commission for their support followed by a brief description of the reason for their grant request. RCDSMM needs snorkeling equipment to conduct a monthly snorkel survey of the endangered southern steelhead trout in Malibu Creek. Ms. Dagit stated that the method used to conduct the survey (the snorkel yoga crawl), quickly wears out the diving gear because of the abrasive boulders in the shallow waters. The grant fund will aid RCDSMM to replace ripped wetsuits, worn shoes, hooded vests and damaged dive lights.**

**There being no further discussion, on motion of Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Lee Wax, and unanimously carried, this item was approved in the amount of \$3,450.**

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7. Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains (RCDSMM) in the amount of \$1,685 to replace worn and/or lost tools in order to continue on-going restoration and revegetation efforts in lower Topanga Creek, Malibu Lagoon and Arroyo Sequit Creeks. (13-4690)

**Ms. Dagit proceeded to present on this item by stating that the monthly restoration and revegetation efforts in the lower Topanga Creek, Malibu Lagoon and Arroyo Sequit Creeks, rely upon volunteers coordinated by the RCDSMM and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. RCDSMM has had over 1,000 volunteers throughout the years to remove invasive plants and swamp crayfish from the creeks in order to maintain the creeks channel and increase migration opportunities for endangered southern steelhead trout. She further reported that RCDSMM provided the tools to the volunteers which are now worn out and/or lost. She requested the Commission to support their efforts by granting RCDSMM the funds to purchase loppers, hoes, garden gloves, dip nets, sisal twine, and weights.**

**On motion of Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Lee Wax, and unanimously carried, this item was approved in the amount of \$1,685.**

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- 8.**     Presentation and consideration of a grant request from the Pheasant Forever, Inc. in the amount of \$5,325 to repair 13 existing guzzlers in Angeles Forest, to insure that they are capable of supplying water to big and small game to allow the local birds and mammals to have a better chance of survival during a drought year, as well as a normal year of rainfall. (13-4691)

**Mr. John Forgy, Board Member, San Gabriel Valley Quail Forever (SGVQF), reported that San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Quail Unlimited no longer exists. The San Gabriel Valley Chapter of Quail Forever, a division of Pheasants Forever focusing on quail, is a new chapter that was formed less than a year ago to provide habitat improvement for wildlife in Southern California. SGVQF identified 13 water guzzlers in the Angeles National Forest that needs repair. Mr. Forgy reported that the project will take two years and plans are underway to begin in February or March of 2014, depending on the condition of the weather. The project will benefit local birds, small and large game in normal rainfall years, as well as, drought years.**

**There being no further discussion, on motion of Vice Chair Sandra Aronberg, seconded by Commissioner Lee Wax, and unanimously carried, this item was approved in the amount of \$5,325.**

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### **III. DISCUSSIONS**

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9. Discussion on the poor water quality of the lake at Earvin "Magic" Johnson Recreation Area that has not been stocked for the past four to five years.

Mika Yamamoto, Regional Operations Manager  
South County Community Service Agency  
Department of Parks and Recreation (13-4692)

**Ms. Mika Yamamoto, Regional Operation Manager, Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, was invited to report on the water quality of the lake at Earvin Magic Johnson (Magic) 105 acre recreation area. Ms. Yamamoto advised the Commission that they had reached out to have a representative from the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, to be present at the meeting to provide a comprehensive report on this item. Unfortunately, the representative was unable to attend the meeting. She proceeded by stating that the fish in the lake at Magic was determined to be safe for adults to eat in small quantities; however, a directive from the County was issued to close the lake due to poor water quality.**

**Brian Young, Fish and Wildlife Interpreter, South Coast Region Fishing in the City Coordinator of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, advised the Commission that he was told five years ago that the lake was temporarily closed. He further stated that the lake is on the list to receive a monthly supply of fish and if pulled, it will be very difficult to reestablish the lake on the list. Ms. Yamamoto advised that she will make further inquiry into the current state of the lake and provide Mr. Young with more information. She will forward her findings to Mr. Young via email.**

**Vice Chair Aronberg brought to the Commission's attention a June 2010 Report from the California Environmental Protection Agency et al., titled, Health Advisory and Safe Eating Guidelines for Fish from Magic Johnson Lakes (Los Angeles County, CA). The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment determined that PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and methylmercury were the two chemicals of concern for fish caught in this lake. Mr. Young was referenced to refer to the article for additional clarification.**

10. Staff Report for the month of October 2013.

- Follow-up reports from grant fund recipients
  - Supervisor Don Knabe
  - Marine Mammals Care Center
- Status report - regarding the Commission's correspondence to the Board of Supervisors regarding the revision of the Firearms Map (continued from the meeting of May 16, 2013)
- County Counsel's response regarding the possible name change for the County Fish and Game Commission (continued from last meeting) (13-4695)

Ms. Famuyiwa reported that the Fourth Supervisorial District sent a thank you note to the Commission for providing support to ensure the success of the Cerritos Kids Fishing Derby. She further reported that the Marine Mammal Care Center also provided to the Commission an overview of how the grant awarded by the Fish and Game Commission was expended. Chair Hybarger indicated that the overview was important; however, he requested staff to obtain a report of the results of the expenditure.

Ms. Twila Kerr, Acting Division Chief, Commission Services, provided an update on the Commission's draft correspondence to the Board of Supervisors requesting resources and approval to update the Firearm Closure Map.

Following the review of the draft correspondence, the Commissioners suggested that the correspondence should include language relative to archery and designated shooting ranges.

Chair Hybarger also suggested checking with local enforcement wardens to determine their view on the County's regulations to ensure no contradictions in the ordinances.

To follow up on a request of the Commission from their May 2014 meeting, Ms. Famuyiwa read a statement from County Counsel regarding the Commission's inquiry about the possibility of changing its name to the Los Angeles County Fish and Wildlife Commission. County Counsel stated that an amendment to the County Code is needed to remove references to the Fish and Game Commission and replace it with Fish and Wildlife Commission. Also recommended, was to have the Commission contact a board office to inquire as to the possibility of a motion directing County Counsel to prepare an ordinance amendment. Ms. Kerr stated that staff is in the process of obtaining additional information and will report back at the next Commission meeting.

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11. Commissioner's Reports for October 2013.
  - Update regarding Lake Elizabeth (Chair)
  - California Senate and Assembly Anti-hunting or Trapping Bill (13-4696)

Chair Hybarger reported that the Commission received complaints from constituents about the poor water quality of Lake Elizabeth. He

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stated that he visited the lake and found that the foul smell from the lake is a natural occurrence that may only change during the rainy season; vegetation at the lake is creating the smell. He further stated that 10 years ago the lake was completely dried up, yet the wildlife/species were able to survive.

Chair Hybarger advised that the Fifth Supervisorial District is taking the lead in handling the constituents' complaints and anyone wanting additional information concerning the conditions of Lake Elizabeth should contact the Fifth Supervisorial District.

Also, Chair Hybarger reported that Glen County Fish and Game Commission invited the Commission to join other Commissions in fighting Assembly Bills 1213 and 1221 that are currently or will be presented in the California Senate. Glen County feels that the loss of hunting bears with dogs and the loss of hunting/trapping for bobcat are just the start of an attempt by certain groups to eliminate all hunting in California and banning together would have more of an effect in fighting these bills. Chair Hybarger recommended and the Commissioners concurred that the issue may not be under the purview of the Commission and therefore will not comment at this time.

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#### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **Matters Not Posted**

12. Matters not posted on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-4697)

Vice Chair Aronberg requested staff to invite someone to the January 2014 meeting from the Annenberg Foundation to discuss their restoration efforts at the Ballona Wetlands Ecological Reserve in Marina del Rey.

Bryan Spragg, Recreation Services Manager, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation Department, reported that he submitted three grant applications for the Commission's consideration in January 2014. The grant requests are for the 2014 Cerritos Youth Fishing Derby, 2014 Knabe Catch and the South Bay Youth Fishing Event. Mr. Spragg also thanked the Commission for its continual support.



**Chair Hybarger instructed staff to advise the Board Deputies to submit their grant proposals for 2014.**

**Public Comment**

- 13.** Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-4698)

**Ms. Dawnielle Tellez, Heal the Bay, provided a brief summary of the activities of Heal the Bay, a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making the Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters and watersheds safe, healthy, and clean for people and local ecosystems. She disseminated materials to be emailed to Commissioners.**

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**Adjournment**

- 14.** Adjournment of the meeting of October 10, 2013. (13-4700)

**There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.**